

NEWSBRIEFS

Case decided

A terrible car accident on Dec. 20, 2004 near Fabens ended the lives of four young people and an unborn child, and resulted in a young woman being charged with intoxicated manslaughter, a second-degree felony. Abigail DeLeon, now 19, was convicted on all counts last week, as she was driving the Ford Explorer that ran off the road and into some trees on South Fabens Road. Evidence presented during her trial indicated that all the occupants of the car had blood alcohol levels that were above the state legal limit of 0.08: JoeRay Gomez, 19; Christopher Reyes, 19; Marco Antonio Ortiz, 19; and Jennifer Chavez, 19, who was pregnant at the time of the accident. DeLeon could have been sentenced to up to 20 years and given a \$10,000 fine on each count. However, the jury which convicted her also returned her sentence on Monday: two years in prison, a \$5,000 fine on each count, and two years probation on each count, with the probation sentences to run concurrently.

School bells ring

Socorro ISD led the pack of El Paso County school districts issuing a summons to class for thousands of youngsters. SISD started classes last Thursday, July 30. Ysleta ISD will follow on Aug. 7, and Canutillo ISD on Aug. 10. Anthony ISD, Clint ISD, El Paso ISD, and San Elizario ISD will all start classes on Aug. 14.

Legal help for kids

The Texas Bar Foundation has committed financial aid to provide legal representation and advocacy for unaccompanied minors who wind up in detention facilities in the El Paso border region. A statement from the Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center, a non-profit legal services organization based in El Paso, says that there has been a marked increase in the number of illegal immigrants who are minors and cannot obtain legal representation on their own. They frequently remain in detention until their cases are closed, sometimes as long as a year. Financial assistance from the Texas Bar Foundation will allow pro-bono legal representation for these indigent children, battered women, and those seeking political asylum. Information: 915-544-5126.

In other news

■ The El Paso City-County Health District is offering free spay or neuter services for pets in the East Montana (Montana Vista) and the Sparks communities. A mobile veterinary clinic will be in these areas from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. on July 28 and 31. Rabies shots and registration will be offered for \$10 each service. For more information call 842-1000.

■ The El Paso Police Department's 18th
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We'd better go easy on "stick to the ribs" food, because that's not where it usually sticks.

— Quips & Quotes

Math study finds unusual location at water park

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

ANTHONY — For six weeks this summer, there was an unofficial satellite campus for Anthony Middle School.

The unlikely educational locale was Wet N' Wild, the recreational water park adjacent to I-10 at the Anthony exit.

This was the second year in a row when Anthony Middle School and Fort Stockton, TX, teachers had students apply mathematical formulas in real life, real world situations, showing them that these skills had relevance and purpose and importance outside the classroom—that it wasn't just a mundane textbook exercise.

"I think we exceeded our goals," says Tara



— Photo courtesy Anthony ISD
THE WATER'S FINE — Two unidentified Anthony Middle School girls measure water temperature during a special math field trip.

Williams, program coordinator for the project which was called "Summer School With a Twist." A former teacher in Fort Stockton, she is an account executive with Desert Communications, Inc., an El Paso technology, networking and cabling company.

"The students worked hard," she added, "applying and learning mathematical skills."

Recent visitors to the park might have observed students with notebooks, pencils and tape measures, carefully applying formulas to figure out the surface areas of a rectangular picnic table or a round barbecue grill.

"Summer school is usually boring, but this wasn't," said Steve Ordaz, an

eighth grader. "I learned a lot of formulas. It made

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County prepares to aggressively pursue and prosecute illegal dumping

By Elhiu Dominguez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — Illegal dumping, water pollution and illegal burning are not only three of the biggest problems affecting rural areas of El Paso County, they are also environmental crimes that often go unreported and unpunished. To help battle this problem, the Environmental Prosecutor for the El Paso County Attorney's Office, Cristina Viesca-Santos, conducted a training session this week for nearly a dozen code and law enforcement officers from Anthony, Clint, Alpine and Marfa.

Fighting environmental crimes in the El Paso area has been difficult in the past because the small incorporated cities within the county

have few code enforcement officers and lack the funds to hire more and train them properly.

The Solid Waste Advisory Committee, through the Rio Grande Council of Governments, has recently granted funds from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to this region to hire and train code enforcement and peace officers on Texas environmental laws.

The purpose of the training is to give officers the necessary knowledge to aggressively pursue residents who break environmental laws and how to properly gather evidence to successfully prosecute these types of offenses in court.

The Environmental Enforcement Training was conducted by the County Attorney's Environmental Unit.

New faces complete San Eli's campus administration teams

By Phillip Cortez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — The San Elizario ISD is proud to announce the hiring and appointments of key personnel to its Leadership Team for the 2006-2007 school year.

Nancy Swanson, who served as principal at Sambrano Elementary for nine years, has been promoted to Director of Instructional Programs. Housed in central office, Swanson will provide support to district instructional officers and campus administrators, but her main area of focus will be to oversee the district reading program.

Taking Swanson's place as Sambrano Elementary principal will be Marta Alvarez, who served as an assistant principal in the district for the last three years, most recently with Garcia-Enriquez Middle School.

Working alongside at Sambrano Elementary



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

FRESH FACES — From left, Jose Zavala, Nancy Swanson, George Saenz, Raquel Alva and Marta Alvarez have joined San Elizario ISD.

is Jose Zavala, who will be entering his first year as an assistant principal. Zavala originally came to San Elizario in 1994.

Raquel Alva has taught French in San

Socorro council stands by moratorium vote on multi-family construction

By Arleen Beard
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO — A moratorium on multi-family or "high-density" residential construction, referred to as R-3, in the City of Socorro has been an item of considerable interest, even before the newly-elected council took office this spring.

On July 6 the City of Socorro voted to place a one-year moratorium on construction of this type, but the issue resurfaced during the July 20 meeting.

As in the prior meetings, several community members voiced their opinions on this controversial issue. Joe DeTuro stated that the one-year moratorium that has been put on the R-3 zoning allows the City of Socorro to make a good review of the Master Plan and to make an extensive study to see the need for R-3 zoning. Most of the community members and one developer who addressed City Council on this issue are opposed to the removal of R-3 zoning. One community member, Charlie Morales stated he was in favor of the removal of R-3.

City Council members were divided in their views on the issue. City Councilman Sergio Cox feels the City of Socorro will lose its citizens who outgrow their R-3 homes will seek a much larger home in other surrounding communities.

It was stated that the council will be meeting this week to conduct a review of all ordinances, including those relating to construction, and a suggestion was made that the moratorium remain in effect until that review is completed.

After considerable discussion, City Council voted to delete the item from the agenda. The motion was made by City Councilwoman Mary E. Perez and it was approved by a 3-2 margin. Council members who voted in favor of the deletion were Councilwoman Perez, Councilwoman Jose Trillo and Councilman Al Gutierrez.

Elizario since 1999 and now joins George Saenz, a Special Education diagnostician, as the two new assistant principals at Garcia-Enriquez Middle School.



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

The value of an education

Aside from those irritating self-made millionaires, we pretty much all can agree that higher education is a good thing.

Last week I gave accelerated learning programs a little bit of a bashing, especially when it comes to learning the tricks of a trade that can have pretty grave consequences for the consumer — you know, situations where supposedly-educated professionals cut out the wrong organ during an operation or let their client go to jail because they didn't know their stuff.

My comments were based on a study done by the New Assets Institute in Orlando, Florida which contends that equivalency and acceler-

ated-degree programs are pumping out artificial professionals. It is entitled *Fast Food Education: Adult Learners' Steady Diet of (and Increasing Appetite for) Junk Education in America and Abroad*, and in it Chancellor Michael Berns contends that as many as half the degrees carried by people in education-sensitive professions like health care, finance and the building trades are "bogus."

Says Berns: "Overlooked in the rush to provide, pay for, validate, and obtain degrees is an examination of the quality of education adult students receive. This new study suggests that accelerated and equivalency learning, regardless of how it is delivered or what it is called, equals

zero learning."

Maybe not. Here's why.

In 1995 and 1999, the National Center for Education Statistics asked the almost 80 million Americans taking adult education courses at that time why they were doing it. Nearly three-quarters of them said it was for advancement on their current job or training for a new and better one.

Only about 25 percent took their master's for "personal/social" reasons, Mr. Berns sighs. "In effect," he said, "three out of four Americans attending an accredited U.S. college or university since the late 1990s are doing it 'to get ahead,' not to get a 'head.'"

To me, though, that doesn't necessarily mean that they aren't learning anything. In fact, I'd say it would behoove those folks enrolled in accelerated courses to learn as much as possible, since they will be asked post haste to utilize their new knowledge with the all-to-immediate consequence of getting paid or not.

On the other hand, I've known people who just went to school — maybe for those lofty personal/social

reasons — and wound up with so much useless knowledge rattling around in their heads that they couldn't even get a clear sighting on where they wanted to go.

That higher education thing has another side that Mr. Berns didn't address, either. It's called debt.

For decades it was part of the American Dream, that families were saved for their kids' college education — the ultimate investment — to enable their offspring to live better, fuller lives than they.

But even though there are still families who are doing that, they are fast disappearing. The family unit itself is becoming an endangered species in our disintegrating social fabric. If they help their kids with college, they are probably going into debt themselves to do it.

And unless you have some kind of handicap — be it social or otherwise — your rich uncle, Sam, is becoming less and less inclined help foot the bill.

In 1992-93, the average debt burden for a student exiting college with only a bachelor's degree was about

\$10,000 — no small potatoes. But in 2003-04, that amount almost doubled, to just under \$20,000. And that figure doesn't include debts accrued for personal expenses from non-educational credit sources by the student who most likely wasn't working full time. These figures are a mere shadow of the enormous amounts accrued by students pursuing degrees in lucrative professional fields.

Personally, I think the way people learn and utilize knowledge has more to do with the heart, character and want-to of the student. Back in elementary school I got a bad grade and I remember coming home with a sob story about how bad my teacher was and how I wasn't getting the kind of attention and help I felt like I deserved. But my folks reaction wasn't what I was hoping for. I was told, in no uncertain terms, that it was my responsibility to do the learning. As it was put to me: "You can learn *something* from *anybody*."

In the end, I guess, the value of an education is roughly equivalent to the character of the person who earned it.

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92nd San Lorenzo fiesta expected to bring thousands to Clint

CLINT — The community of Clint in East El Paso County is gearing up to celebrate the 92nd Annual Fiesta de San Lorenzo honoring the patron, San Lorenzo, on Aug. 10.

Organizers say that in 1913, the community of Clint started raising funds to build a church. Completion was celebrated in 1914 and the San Lorenzo Fiesta has been held annually ever since.

Despite a bit of misfortune earlier this year with the collapse of the aging bell tower of the church, the fiesta will continue unabated, organizers said. Efforts are underway to reconstruct the tower and re-hang the bell.

There are many pilgrims that come from afar each year in honor of San Lorenzo, a deacon and martyr, a spokesman said.

According to church history, San

Lorenzo was a deacon of the Church of Rome. The Emperor ordered him to relinquish the treasures of the Church to him, but instead, San Lorenzo gave them away to the poor. For this act, he was condemned and burned to death on a fiery grill.

"The San Lorenzo Fiesta Committee wishes to extend their appreciation to all those groups and individuals that will be providing their talents and time to this most worthwhile and popular fiesta," a spokesman said.

The dates and times of the fiesta will be as follows:

- August 10, 2006, 3:00 a.m. - A procession will go from the San Elizario Parish in San Elizario, to the San Lorenzo Parish accompanied by the recitation of the rosary, hymns, and Matachines. At 4:30 a.m. a Spanish Mass/mananitas will be said in honor of San Lorenzo with music provided by the San Lorenzo choir. At 11 a.m. a Bilingual Mass will be held in honor of San Lorenzo, followed by a procession around the fiesta grounds with Matachines and music. From noon through midnight will be the fiesta celebration.

- August 11, 2006, 12 noon to midnight - Continued fiesta celebration.
- August 12, 2006, 12 noon to 1 a.m. - Continued fiesta celebration.

There will be plenty of gorditas, turkey legs, corn on the cob, and other fine food available throughout these days. Live music will be provided by various groups/bands throughout the fiesta. A carnival will be on site and various games for the kids, as well as a Loteria, cakewalk, jumping balloons, raffle tickets, and ceramic vendors. Matachines will be performing throughout the fiesta dates.

Horizon's PD invites community to celebrate National Night Out

By Officer Luis Ruiz Jr.
Special to the Courier

HORIZON CITY — Would you like to:

- Improve the safety of your neighborhood;
- Have a great time meeting your neighbors;
- Build a strong community;
- Meet your local police and first responders; and
- Take part in a huge, nationwide program?

You can do it all at this year's National Night Out. The 23rd annual nation-wide event designed to pro-

mote neighborhood safety is held once a year on the first Tuesday of August — this year Aug. 1.

Bring an outdoor chair or blanket, and leave your porch light on in support of National Night Out. The Horizon City Police Department invites the community to join in celebrating this event at the Horizon City Park located at 500 Rodman, behind the Oz Glaze Senior Center from 6:30 p.m. till 9:30 p.m. A bicycle raffle will be held and door prizes will be given through out the evening. Come early and enjoy free food and refreshments.

National Night Out has a long tradition throughout the United

States. The purpose of National Night Out is to heighten awareness of crime, drug prevention, strengthen neighborhood spirit, create better police community relations, and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back!

Come out and meet local police officers and first responders. Free literature and information on Neighborhood Watch Programs, Citizens Police Academy, Explorer Post information, and CERT (Community Emergency Response Training) will be handed out. Also, meet new neighbors and local business owners.

Seminar tells how to collect restitution and fees from hot check writers

By Elhiu Dominguez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — El Paso County Attorney José Rodríguez will be offering a free seminar on Aug. 11 to explain to local merchants and the general public how they can take advantage of the free hot check collection service offered by the Hot Check Unit.

Writing a hot check is a crime that hurts many El Paso businesses, the local economy and the community in general. The El Paso County Attorney's Office prosecutes these

crimes and collects from the hot check writers restitution and a \$30 fee that is given to the merchant. And even though many big companies in El Paso take advantage of the program, thousands of small businesses do not, in part because they don't know the service is free.

The purpose of the seminar is to give details about the program and to answer any questions the public might have. At the event, the County Attorney's Office will announce a new policy in certified mail and notice of dishonor letters that will save all merchants time and money.

The Hot Check Unit will also in-

roduce a new service called "on-line inquiry" that will grant registered merchants access to their hot check accounts via internet, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, allowing them to learn instantly about the latest payments received and any other activities registered under their names.

The Hot Check Seminar will be held Friday, Aug. 11, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's Court Auditorium located at 500 E. San Antonio, County Courthouse Room 303.

For more information on the seminar, or how to get a free hot check packet by mail, call the Hot Check Department at 546-2051.



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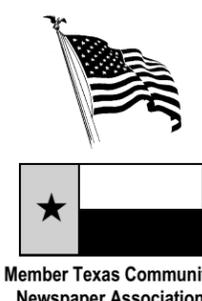
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Area residents warned of possible emergency services scam

EL PASO COUNTY — A statewide alert has been issued by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott warning consumers about a scam possibly circulating in major Texas cities involving emergency medical services.

Callers claiming to represent EMT Alert, Inc. tell citizens they are required to buy a \$300 card that will allow first responders to help them in crisis because it will allow them access to family medical information.

El Paso Fire Department officials said Monday they want to warn the citizens of El Paso about this 911 scam reported by citizens in San Antonio.

A spokesman for the El Paso Fire Department said that the EPFD is *not* requiring El Paso residents to purchase any kind of emergency medical cards and want to warn the public to prevent them from falling victim to this scam. They said the best way to assist medical personnel in an

emergency situation is to place a folder on your refrigerator containing family medical information, such as medicines taken, allergies, etc.

EMT Alert Inc. is a private Phoenix-area company that sells a medical identity card, a monitoring necklace that a customer can depress to get help and an online medical file for a \$399.97 set-up fee and \$19.95 each month. The company has denied any association with the claims made by the callers.

Eye on D.C. By U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

The importance of family

I believe that solid families are the backbone of our nation. Our American families foster the core values and moral character of our future leaders. During my 14 years in Congress, I have worked to enact legislation that promotes strong family values and reduces the tax burden placed on parent's shoulders. It is within families, not the government, that a successful society is born.

In the United States, marriage is governed by state law. To date, 45 states, including Texas, have enacted legislation defining marriage as a union between one man and one woman. However, federal protections have become necessary to protect the sovereignty of these state laws. In 1996, Congress passed the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), which prohibits federal recognition of same-sex marriages and allows individual states to refuse to recognize such marriages performed in other states. I supported this legislation and subsequently voted for the Marriage Protection Act of 2004, which protects the Defense of Marriage Act by only allowing the Federal courts jurisdiction over it.

Last week I voted for the Marriage

Protection Amendment, which would again uphold traditional marriage. Unfortunately, while the majority of my colleagues voted in favor of this bill (236 yea - 187 nay), it did not receive the two thirds majority required for approval as a constitutional amendment.

Marriage is a sacred union that should not be financially penalized by the government. In addition to fighting to preserve the traditional definition of marriage, I am also working to ensure married couples are not financially penalized. Prior to the passage of the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003, married couples were required to pay higher taxes than two single individuals who earned the pay no matter if the married couple filed jointly or separately.

I believe that you should not be taxed at a higher level for simply saying "I do." That is why I have consistently voted for legislation that would eliminate the marriage penalty tax. It is only fair that the standard deduction for married couples be equal to two single taxpayers. It is also reasonable that the upper limit of the 15 percent tax bracket for mar-

ried couples should be permanently increased to twice that of singles.

With America's future in mind, we must always be aware of the state of our children. What our children learn at home will inevitably drive the course of our country's future so we must work to preserve and protect the American family. It is at home that children learn individual accountability, honesty, respect, and the meaning of hard work.

When we take a good, close look at what really makes America great and our society successful, we quickly see it isn't government programs, red tape, or bureaucracy. Instead, it is the people who shape our lives, the beliefs we share, and the dreams we pursue. Please know that I will continue to work in Congress to protect the values of the American family and lower the tax burden on parents so that they can focus their time and energy on their children. I salute the mothers and fathers who are raising the next generation of great Americans.



Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Voting rights need protection

The funny thing about America is that while we live in a nation that prides itself on democratic principles and ideals, many take the right to vote for granted, or even fail to exercise it all. Elections come and go with sparse participation by eligible voters and little interest by the public at large. However, it is important to remember that in the not too distant past, entire segments of our population were denied this fundamental right. People were barred from voting due to their race, ethnicity, class or gender, and poll taxes, literacy tests and intimidation also kept them from the voting booths. For many citizens, overcoming these injustices was a hard-fought and bitter battle, and the passage of the Voting Rights Act in 1965, which put an end to the systematic disenfranchisement of minority voters, represented a real victory.

Earlier this month, the House of Representatives debated and ultimately passed H.R. 9, the bipartisan Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization (VRA), of which I am

a co-sponsor. Much of the VRA, including a section that bans racial discrimination at the ballot box, is permanent law. However, several key provisions, such as one that requires certain states and jurisdictions with a history of voter discrimination to gain federal approval for voting law changes, and another that requires language assistance in jurisdictions with a high percentage of voters whose native language is not English, are temporary. The VRA Reauthorization renewed these temporary provisions of the 1965 VRA for another 25 years.

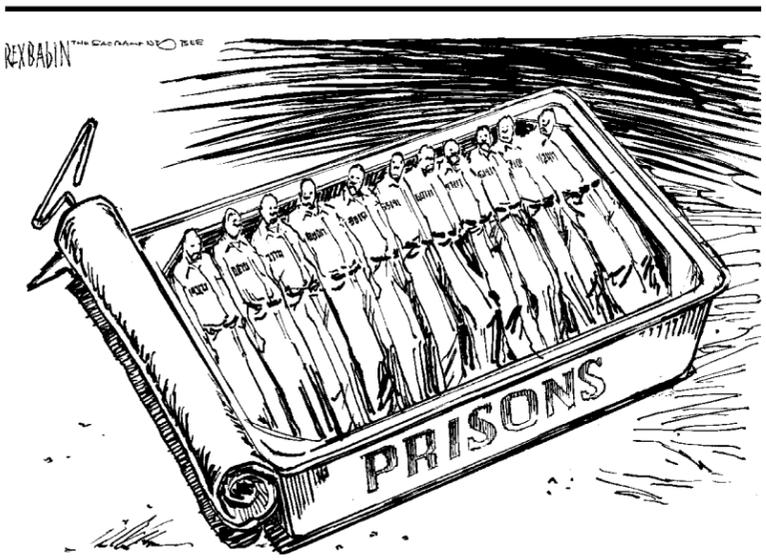
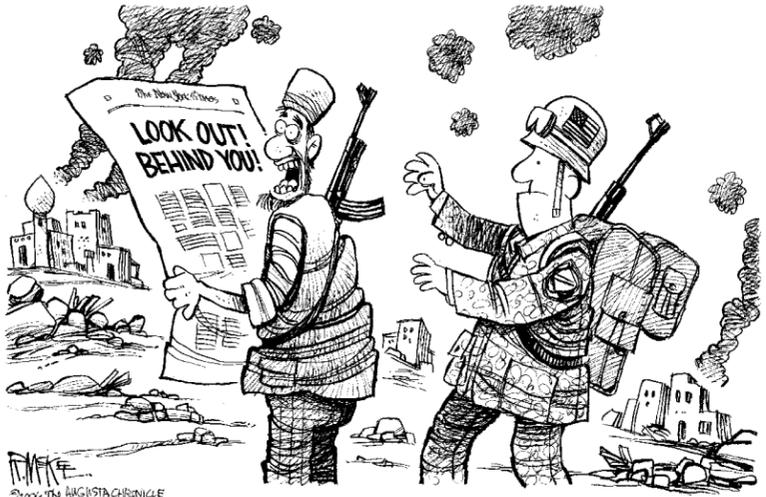
These provisions of the VRA ensure fairness and guarantee the right of those in El Paso and across the country to participate fully at the ballot box; however, the bill did not pass easily in the House. Certain Members tried for weeks to undermine the bill, and fought the provisions requiring federal approval for changing voting procedures, as well as new language added in response to the 2003 Georgia v. Ashcroft Supreme Court decision that would "protect the ability of such [minority] citizens to elect their preferred candidates of choice."

The debate in the House included consideration of damaging amendments that resulted from tough ne-

gotiations with those members, but luckily the House overall recognized them as undermining and contrary to the true spirit of the Voting Rights Act and voted them down. The passage of any of them would have gutted the Voting Rights Act and the rights of minorities across the country.

Here in Texas, we have a unique perspective on the rights of minority voters and the VRA in general. The Supreme Court recently decided that Texas's 23rd Congressional District, which was created as a result of the 2003 redistricting, was in violation of the Voting Rights Act, and a three-judge panel is currently considering several maps to bring the district into compliance with the VRA.

These recent events in Texas and the difficulty passing the VRA in the House emphasize the importance and relevance of the Voting Rights Act today and government oversight of states' voting procedures. I hope that the next time you have an opportunity to vote — whether it's an election for the school board or the President of the United States — you remember the difficult steps many took to ensure their right to vote, and the action we still must take today to ensure fair participation at the polls for all.



Moore Texas by Roger T. Moore At 122 miles long and up to 800 feet deep, the Palo Duro Canyon is the Grand Canyon of Texas.

Canutillo approves pay-raise package

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — The Canutillo Independent School District Board of Trustees approved a compensation package giving teachers, librarians and nurses a \$4,000 raise as well as a step increase in salaries for the upcoming school year. The package was approved at a special meeting held on July 18.

The starting salary for beginning teachers will be \$38,000, and employees with a master's degree will receive an additional \$1,200, and employees with doctoral degrees will receive an additional \$2,400.

The compensation package also includes salary increases for all employees in the District including a seven percent increase for manual trades and paraprofessionals; a five percent increase for all other professionals including counselors and administrators; and five percent for information technology employees. The increase will be based on the midpoint of each pay scale.

"In addition to the salary increases, the District will continue to provide free health care insurance for all of its employees. That brings the total cost of the compensation package to \$2,457,465," said Tony Reza, Executive Director for Business Services.

Fabens students set example with park cleanup project

FABENS — The Fabens Middle School 8th grade Ambassadors, selected for academic performance, citizenship, and attendance, are also dedicated to community service. The group spent part of Fathers' Day weekend, June 19, setting the right example by cleaning Risinger Park. From left, Kevin Lettunich, Jessica Vaquera, Marie Meraz, Alicia Bañuelos, Nadia Rivas, and Issac Chavez harvested numerous bags of trash from the park and are looking forward to their next project.

— Contributed by Nadia Rivas



— Photo courtesy Fabens ISD

Canutillo Independent School District Public Notice

Notice of Non-Discrimination in Career and Technology Programs

Canutillo Independent School District offers programs in Agriculture Science Technology, Business Education, Career Investigations, Diversified Career Preparation, Family and Consumer Science, Health Science Technology, Technology Education, and Trade and Industrial Education. Admission to Career and Technology Education programs is based on career counseling, interests and aptitudes, age appropriateness, eligibility, and class space availability.

It is the policy of Canutillo Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or disability, in its Career and Technology Education programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

It is the policy of Canutillo Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Canutillo Independent School District will take steps to ensure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all Career and Technology Education programs.

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El Distrito Escolar de Canutillo ofrece programas en Tecnología en Ciencias de Agricultura, Negocios, Investigación de Profesiones, Consumo Familiar, Tecnología en Ciencia de la Salud, Educación de Mercadeo, Educación Tecnológica y Desarrollo de Oficios Industriales. El ingreso a estos programas se basa en recomendación de consejeros escolares, interés académico, aptitudes, edad apropiada, elegibilidad, y disponibilidad de lugares en las clases.

Es norma del Distrito Escolar de Canutillo el no discriminar la participación en estos programas por motivos de raza, color de piel, nacionalidad, sexo, incapacidad o edad. Lo anterior en base a lo requerido por las enmiendas a: el Capítulo VI del Decreto de Derechos Civiles de 1964, el Capítulo IX de Educación, y el Decreto de Rehabilitación de 1973 Sección 504.

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El Distrito Escolar de Canutillo implantará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso del idioma inglés no sea un obstáculo para la admisión y participación en los programas educativos y vocacionales.

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Citizens' Police Academy will begin on Aug. 15. Those interested in attending can pick up an application at any of the regional commands or at Police Headquarters. Registration ends Friday, Aug. 4. The academy will meet Tuesdays, Thursdays and occasionally on Saturdays and will conclude on Sept. 26 with a special graduation. Those that attend will be able to experience a ride-along and learn about the different sections of the police department such as Crimes Against Persons, Special Traffic Investigations, SWAT and many others. Students will also have an opportunity to meet the Commanders of the different Regional Commands. For more information call the Public Affairs Office at 564-7322.

■ Adult Education Classes will be offered by the San Elizario Independent School District to community members residing within its boundaries. The classes offered are English-GED, English as a Second Language (ESL), English Literacy, Citizenship, and Computer Education. Registration will begin July 31 at Lorenzo Loya Primary School, 13705 Socorro Road (Portable 7), from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, contact Josie Campos at 872-3939 ext. 3646.

■ The El Paso Collaborative for Academic Excellence has been awarded \$1 million by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to improve instruction and academic performance in science- and math-related subjects. The two-year grant, part of the Texas Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (T-STEM) initiative, calls for the collaborative to become a regional T-STEM center. Based at UTEP, the El Paso Collaborative will develop new in-

structional materials, and provide professional development training to teachers and school leaders. The collaborative will also evaluate and identify successful practices used at T-STEM academies, such as the one being created at Burnham Wood Charter School in Northwest El Paso. "The T-STEM initiative will pool together a statewide network of school districts, academies and others who aim to improve math and science education," said Susana Navarro, the collaborative's executive director. "The grant is a recognition of the way the community has come together to prioritize the education of our children." The collaborative will partner with 12 local school districts and Education Service Center Region 19. Created in 1991, the El Paso Collaborative for Academic Excellence's mission is to reform education in the community and prepare El Paso's youth to succeed at a four-year college. The grant is funded in part by the Bill and Melinda Gates and the Michael and Susan Dell foundations.

■ El Paso Police Detectives and F.B.I. Special Agents are investigating that city's latest bank robbery. At approximately 4 p.m., an unknown Hispanic male drove to the State National Bank commercial drive thru window at 10456 Montwood. The suspect made a threat to the bank employee and demanded money. The suspect managed to flee the scene with an undisclosed amount of money. The suspect is described by witnesses as a Hispanic male, dark complexion, heavy build, possibly long hair and was last seen wearing a red baseball cap. The vehicle is described as a Honda Civic, CRX or similar type hatchback. The vehicle is said to be a dull black color almost like a black primer. Nobody was hurt in this incident. This is the city's third bank robbery. Anyone with any information is asked to call Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-8477(TIPS).

SEISD athletes put in summer hours

By Phillip Cortez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — Sure, there was the time away from the books during the summer break, but because of their willingness to im-

proves their games, many athletes in San Elizario took advantage of camps and open gyms. From the tennis courts to the weight room, their was a noticeable rise in participation.

No matter how old the student was, San Elizario tennis coach Pete Vasquez had kids cramming the courts and working on their games. Members of the tennis team even ventured outside their friendly confines in order to take on the competition from rival schools so they could get more practice. The result was a more encouraged tennis coach, and more confidence for the tennis team, as they prepare to open their Fall season co-hosting the Clint/San Elizario Tournament, Aug. 18-19. The tournament features teams from Irvin, Fabens, Chapin, Parkland, El Paso High and Ysleta.

Just a short walk from the tennis courts, volleyball coach David Desrosiers was busy holding open gyms sessions for students wanting to hone their skills. The high school volleyball season begins Aug. 15

with home matches against Fabens. Meanwhile, Garcia-Enriquez Middle School volleyball play begins Aug. 19 at Clint.

Desrosiers also helped out by supervising open gym for girls basketball while boys head coach Danny Celaya held open gym for his players.

Just a few months after his hiring, head football coach Alfredo Gurrola and his coaching staff must have been encouraged to see a good number of football players stay in shape by utilizing the weight room over the summer. And for the first time ever, San Elizario competed in 7-on-7 football games over the summer, playing against teams representing other high schools in the area. Mark your calendars for Aug. 31, as the football team opens its season at home against Bowie. Junior varsity begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by the varsity at 7:00.

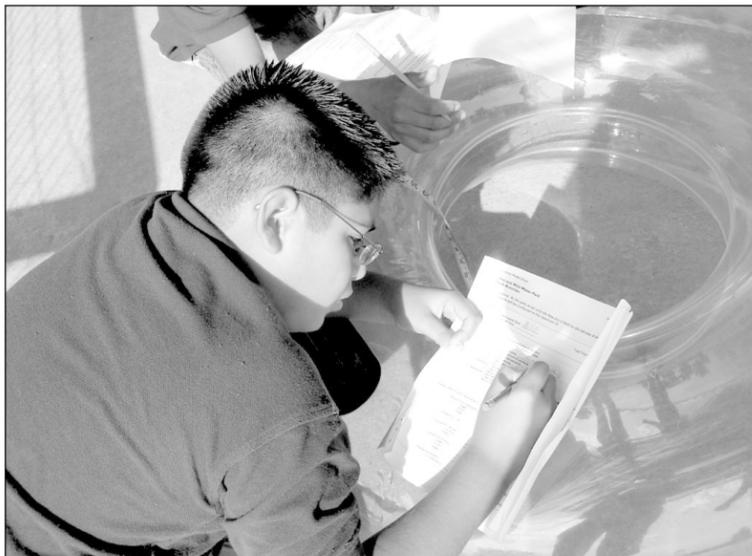
Not all running happens on the football field. That's why coach Michael Warfield and members of the cross-country team got good time on the track over the summer. They begin their season on Sept. 2 at the Parkland/Riverside meet at Veterans Park, 9 a.m.

With dedication like this, San Elizario teams are bound to do well in 2006-2007.



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

SWINGING — San Eli's tennis team took to the courts this summer. Sophomore Adrian Solis lines up a shot in practice.



— Photo courtesy Anthony ISD

A LEARNING CURVE — Levi Cortez takes measurements on an inner tube at Wet N' Wild during Anthony Middle School's "Summer School With a Twist."

Math

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more sense to measure real things."

Some of the other "real things" students worked with included:

Measuring the inner and outer diameters of an inner tube. Students were told to lay the tube on its side and stand over it and draw a picture of what it looks like. Questions included what is the radius of the inside of the inner tube and what is the circumference of the inside of the tube.

An exercise in finding and photographing examples of different kinds of triangles found in the park called for measuring and recording the height and sides of the triangle.

Finding a tree or sign that is casting a shadow and measuring its length.

The measuring portion of the exercise focused on the math element of the state's TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills), an

their reasoning and how they applied classroom skills.

Working with Williams in this real world school project were teachers from Fort Stockton and two teachers from Anthony.

The Anthony project grew out of a computer camp developed in Fort Stockton, a project with which Williams was familiar. She called on her former colleagues, middle school teachers Michelle Pasqua and Celya Magee, to assist with the program.

Two Anthony Middle teachers also took part in the program. They are David Price and Annette Fuller.

Price's assessment echoed those of Williams.

"I do believe the program was a success and that the targeted objective of increasing students' overall comprehension of math skills was met," he said in letter.

In another letter to board members, Fuller added, "I enjoyed being part of this summer school program, and I know the students truly benefited from it as well. In order to meet the needs of our students and all students in this day and age, you have to be on your toes and creative." This was accomplished in this program."

Town of Horizon City PUBLIC NOTICE

During the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 2006 the Town of Horizon City Council approved the following ordinance(s):

- 1) Amendment No. 012 to Ordinance No. 0102 to Amendment No. 001 — Chapter 13, Section 1310.1.3.1 (Planned Unit Development), to reduce the amount of Open Space from six percent to not less than three percent of the gross land area.

Ordinances are always available for viewing or copying upon request from the City Clerk at Town Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call 915-852-1046.

Sandra Sierra
City Clerk

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Town of Horizon City PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held during a **Special Planning and Zoning Meeting on Monday, August 14, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.** at Horizon City Town Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas 79928. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and comment regarding proposed re-plot of the following property:

- 1) Approximately .76 acres, located at Hartsdale Drive and Nunda Drive and described as Horizon Manor Unit 4, Block 4, Lot 8, El Paso County, Horizon City, Texas. To re-plot a single over-sized lot into three lots as submitted by David Estrada Homes, developer for Emilio and Herlinda Trevizo, owners.

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to City Planner Ed Hamlyn at the address listed above or by calling 915-852-1046, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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USA

A weekend full of adventures with bad fashion choices

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

They say that tragedies often happen in threes. Well, I don't know if that's true but I did learn something over the weekend — that very bad fashion ideas can also come around in threes.

I know you can't really compare fashion *faux pas* with major tragedies but they're difficult to look at none-the-less.

We start with the most startling transformation of them all.

Not since Andre Agassi did his "Telly Savalas" or "Mr. Clean" impression back in the 90s have we seen a decision this bad concerning someone's head.

Steve Nash is known for many things — his home country of Canada, his two NBA Most Valuable Player awards and his long straight hair.

His "look" has even earned him the nickname "Hair Canada." But if you saw him today you might want to change that nickname to "Bare Canada."

Nash recently shaved his head and — may I say in all candor and humble honesty — it stinks!

What in the world was he thinking? Nash

now looks like an old man. He looks weak and sickly. And I've got to believe that girls around the country are very disappointed.

No girl asks if it's okay if she runs her fingers over your skull.

Bad mistake, Nash. Cutting off all that hair almost makes you seen mortal.

Like the next time he tries to dribble between his legs he's going to tangle himself into a knot. There's no doubt now that Nash will never win another "best player" award. How can he, looking like that?

Hey, maybe he can turn to professional billiards. At least he can change his nickname to "Cue Ball."

The second mistake of the weekend had more to do with attire.

Now there's no doubt that Sergio Garcia is one of the best golfers in the world.

At 26, he's outgrown his *El Niño* nickname, but at last Sunday's final round of the British Open it was disturbingly evident that Garcia still needs someone around to dress him.

In a sport that is already known for its really bad color combination ensembles, Garcia actually stood out in his all-yellow "proud-to-be-pineapple" outfit.

One radio sports talk guy said he didn't know

if the color was lemon or banana or meringue. I'm not sure either, but I had to put on my sunglasses.

I mean when you're walking onto the course to battle Tiger Woods, in his traditional sharp-looking red and black Sunday garb, choosing yellow from head to toe doesn't exactly instill fear.

It sure attracted stares, though.

Of course, Sergio came out and stunk it up on the final round finishing way behind the eventual champion, Tiger Woods.

Please, I'm begging anyone in Garcia's camp to listen to me. The next time Sergio walks out of the house wearing an all-lavender or avocado outfit, tackle him and make him change into something a little less comical.

After the first three rounds of the tournament everyone was talking about Garcia's chances for a championship. Now they're all talking about his ridiculous choice of wardrobe. But least they're not talking about his horrible final-round 73.

The third and final fashion mistake-in-judgment may be the most distasteful — because it involves the littlest among us.

I can understand that some fans in the Boston area are still miffed at Johnny Damon for

leaving the Red Sox for their long-time dreaded enemies, those New York Yankees.

But this may be going a bit too far.

Seems Ann Sylvia, a devoted Red Sox fan, apparently knows how to hold a grudge. So much so that she reflects it in her work.

Sylvia sells items on eBay from her home, including baby bibs that have the words "I Love My Mommy" on them.

Just picture a cute little 10-month-old baby girl sitting in her high chair, smiling at her mother whom she loves so much, wearing an adorable bib with the words "I Love My Mommy" on it.

Pretty picture, isn't it?

Now picture that same beautiful little girl wearing a bib with the words "Damon Sucks" on the front.

Not as cute.

Sylvia is selling these to like-minded (if there are any) parents around the country.

I don't know about you but I worry about any parent with the mentality to put a "Damon Sucks" bib on their baby.

What's next, "John Rocker Was Right" t-shirts?

Please, people, I implore you, more Bill O'Reilly and less Jerry Springer.

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Canutillo Independent School District
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Canutillo Independent School District
P.O. Box 100

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PUBLIC NOTICE

We Benjamin and Maria G. Sanchez are requesting the following variance from the County of El Paso Subdivision Regulations for the proposed Maya's Gardens Subdivision.

El Paso County Subdivision Regulations: Section 2.6 Setbacks, a minimum of 10 feet on side property line. The variance requested on side property line will be 0.8 +/- feet. Benjamin and Maria G. Sanchez are requesting a variance because the existing historic building at (12339 Socorro

Rd.) was built in the early 1900's.

The proposed subdivision is located in Precinct Number 3, and encompasses 2.215 Acres and has a legal description of All of Tracts 10, 8B, and 6A, Block 16, San Elizario Grant. The El Paso County Commissioners Court will consider this variance on Monday, August 17, 2006, at the County Courthouse, 500 E. San Antonio Street, Room 303, El Paso, Texas 79901

Anyone interested in providing comment on the proposed variance, either in support or opposition, may do so during the public comment period of the Commissioners' Court meeting or by written comment to the attention of subdivision coordinator, El Paso County Road and Bridge Department, 500 E. San Antonio Street, El Paso, Texas, 79901. In order to be consider by Commissioners' Court the County must receive any written notice at least (7) calendar days prior to the Commissioners' meeting.

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Sealed bids/proposals/CSP/RFP to furnish the District with the following products and/or services will be accepted at the following times:

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 2006

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MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2006

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR HVAC AND ELECTRICAL UPGRADE RFP NO. 199-0807-6140 ACCEPTED UNTIL 2:30 P.M.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

As per Article V, Sec. 5.05(a), all owners and lienholders have ten (10) days from

this date to reclaim their vehicles at South West Wrecker, 1401 Darrington Rd., 855-1900, 851-2091-fax, or it will be sold at public auction for charges: VIN - 2MEBM74F7KX657630, 1989 Mercury Grand Marquis, white, 4-door, Chihuahua, Mexico license 362-SKU-5 WTCC-07/27/06

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Dress sizes bear out Einstein's Theory

By Don Flood

"Zero," a recent story said, "is the new 8."

No, we're not talking about the new math here, but fashion.

Women's dress sizes keep getting smaller. What was once a size 8 is now a size zero.

But what about the women who used to wear size 6?

This is disturbing because it puts stars like Lindsay Lohan and Nicole Richie in the minus dress-size category, with Lohan now wearing a -8, and Richie all the way to down -24.

This phenomenon, called the Fashion Black Hole, was first predicted by Albert Einstein, the leading fashion expert of the 20th century. He also dabbled in physics.

According to Einstein's Theory, dress sizes would become progressively smaller, until they reached negative numbers. This is now taking place.

And if the theory holds true, Richie will soon disappear into a Fashion Black Hole. (In fact, after her falling out with pal Paris Hilton, she has already become all but invisible.)

The theory also explains why some starlets' dresses seem to disappear at major awards shows.

While his work with Fashion Black Holes made him famous, Einstein helped solve many riddles associated with fashion and clothing.

The following is a certified, *absolutely true* quote from Einstein:

"When I was young, I found out that the big toe always ends up making a hole in the sock. So I stopped wearing socks."

It's hard to appreciate now, but people once had no idea where sock holes came from.

(Sadly, as smart as Einstein was, he never discovered the value of the toenail clipper, which, as later scientists discovered, can have re-

markable effects on sock longevity.)

The first scientist to study sock holes seriously was Galileo, who used his telescope to observe his own stockinged feet for 30 straight nights, to no avail.

Taking a different approach was Charles Darwin, who asserted that socks with holes must somehow be fitter and thus more likely to pass on their sock hole genes to the next generation.

Darwin's theory of evolution also neatly accounted for the common occurrence of having socks in one's drawer that one never purchased.

You can conduct this scientific experiment yourself. In your drawer, right now, is an ugly sock with no match. You couldn't possibly have bought such a hideous example of footwear, but there it is.

It is a mutant sock. You can throw it away, but more will appear.

(It was Darwin's success in the explaining the single-sock phenomenon that led to his theory's widespread acceptance.)

But Einstein remained dissatisfied and his work, after a few false starts, began to center around the toes and specifically the big toe as what he called the "catalyst" behind sock holes.

Writing to his colleague Niels Bohr, Einstein said, "If we could convince someone to cut off their big toes, we could prove this theory once and for all. Alas, the younger generation cares nothing of science."

Despite this disappointment, Einstein's Sock Hole Theory is now universally accepted. His Fashion Black Hole theory appears headed for similar recognition. Just ask Nicole Richie.

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: I turned 65 last year but didn't bother applying for benefits because my neighbor said the new retirement age was 67. Now a co-worker tells me the retirement age is 66. Who is right?

A: Social Security's full retirement age is rising from 65 to 67, but the change is gradual. For people born in 1940, full retirement age is 65 and 6 months. For those born in 1941, it is 65 and 8 months.

Q: I am 58 years old and my husband died just before Thanksgiving

at age 65. He was still working at the time of his death, and I will be getting a small pension from his employer. I only work part-time now and it may be difficult for me to find a full-time job. What is the earliest age that I would be eligible for widow's benefits?

A: As a widow, you can receive benefits from Social Security as early as age 60, as early as age 50 if you are disabled, or at any age if you are taking care of a child who is under age 16 or disabled and receiving Social

Security benefits.

Q: I am getting Social Security disability benefits, but now have the chance to try and work several hours a week for my neighbor. Will my benefits be affected if I work and earn money?

A: Social Security has special rules called "work incentives" that help you keep your cash benefits and Medicare while you test your ability to work. For example, there is a trial work period during which you can receive full benefits regardless of how much you earn, as long as you report your work activity and continue to have a disabling impairment.

After the trial work period ends, your benefits will stop during the months your earnings are at a level we consider "substantial," which is \$860 per month in 2006.

Q: Since I can borrow against the money that I have contributed to my 401(k) retirement plan, Am I able to borrow against the money that I have contributed to Social Security, just as I am allowed to borrow against money I have contributed to my 401(k) retirement plan?

A: No. Social Security is a social insurance system designed to protect workers and their families against the

loss of earnings due to retirement, disability, or death. The Social Security taxes that employees and employers pay on workers' earnings are not placed in an individual worker's account, but deposited into the Social Security Trust Funds from which benefits are paid to eligible workers and their families.

For more information visit your local Security office, see www.ssa.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

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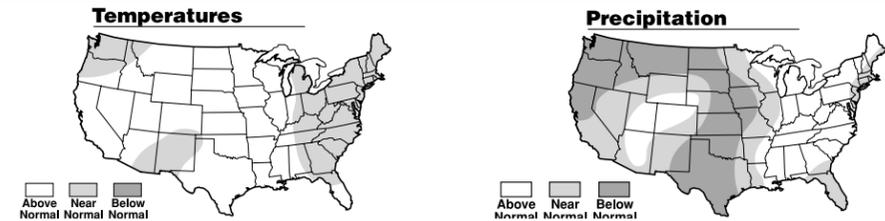
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Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
A p.m. t-storm possible	A t-storm possible early	Clouds and sun	Sun mixing with clouds	Partly sunny	Mostly cloudy	Clouds and sun	A good deal of sun
92°	72°	94° / 73°	96° / 74°	98° / 73°	94° / 72°	95° / 72°	95° / 70°
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WEATHER TRENDS THIS WEEK

IN THE SKY



Sun	Rise	Set	Moon	Rise	Set	First	Full
Thu.	6:18 a.m.	8:06 p.m.	Thu.	8:29 a.m.	9:49 p.m.		
Fri.	6:19 a.m.	8:05 p.m.	Fri.	9:24 a.m.	10:14 p.m.	8/2	8/9
Sat.	6:19 a.m.	8:05 p.m.	Sat.	10:18 a.m.	10:38 p.m.	Last	New
Sun.	6:20 a.m.	8:04 p.m.	Sun.	11:12 a.m.	11:02 p.m.		
Mon.	6:20 a.m.	8:03 p.m.	Mon.	12:06 p.m.	11:28 p.m.	8/15	8/23
Tues.	6:21 a.m.	8:02 p.m.	Tues.	1:02 p.m.	11:56 p.m.		
Wed.	6:22 a.m.	8:02 p.m.	Wed.	2:01 p.m.	none		

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REGIONAL CITIES

U.S. CITIES

City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W
Abilene, TX	94	74	s	95	73	s	95	73	s	97	74	pc
Albuquerque, NM	92	70	t	92	69	t	91	68	t	93	69	pc
Amarillo, TX	94	69	t	94	68	s	95	68	s	99	68	pc
Austin, TX	94	76	t	97	75	pc	96	75	pc	97	74	pc
Brownsville, TX	94	78	pc	95	77	s	94	77	s	96	78	s
Dodge City, KS	98	70	pc	98	68	s	102	70	s	102	69	s
Jackson, MS	90	72	t	89	73	t	90	73	t	90	73	t
Laredo, TX	100	78	pc	102	79	s	103	79	s	103	81	s
Little Rock, AR	90	74	t	87	72	t	88	72	t	92	75	pc
Lubbock, TX	95	70	s	98	70	s	98	71	s	98	71	pc
Memphis, TN	85	75	t	86	73	t	88	74	t	91	75	t
Midland, TX	96	74	pc	96	72	s	97	73	s	98	73	s
Pueblo, CO	98	62	pc	100	62	s	100	62	s	97	62	s
Roswell, NM	95	69	pc	93	70	pc	96	69	s	98	70	pc
St. Louis, MO	91	76	pc	92	75	pc	90	74	t	89	75	sh
San Antonio, TX	93	76	pc	96	77	s	96	76	pc	97	77	pc
Texarkana, AR	91	74	t	91	74	t	92	74	t	96	75	pc
Waco, TX	95	78	t	96	77	pc	97	76	pc	98	77	pc
Wichita, KS	96	73	pc	93	72	pc	96	72	s	98	74	s

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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